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SUBJECT Interview with Christopher Boyce

ED BRADLEY: Last week British spy Geoffrey Prime went to jail for giving away the most sensitive British and American secrets. Five years ago, so did this man, Christopher Boyce. What he had given away to the Soviets -- or, more accurately, sold to the Soviets -- was the secret that our satellite surveillance system was telling us just about everything the Russians were up to. Having learned that we were listening in, the Soviets started putting out false information. What that did was to make our intelligence-gathering satellites virtually useless.

Boyce is now serving 40 years for espionage at Marion federal penitentiary. Recently we talked with him about why he and his partner, Dalton Lee, did it.

You willingly turned that information over to the Russians.

CHRISTOPHER BOYCE: You bet.

BRADLEY: In the courts of this land, you've been tried and convicted...

BOYCE: Uh-huh.

BRADLEY: ...of espionage.

BOYCE: Right.

BRADLEY: You are a traitor.

BOYCE: Uh-huh.